

Relative to adoption proceedings, prior law (Ch.C. Art. 1131(E)) required, in part, the court to issue an order directing the office of state police, La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, to conduct a records check for all federal arrests and convictions and all state arrests and convictions in this and any other states in which either of the prospective adoptive parents has been domiciled, and further required that prospective adoptive parents submit a set of fingerprints to the office of state police.

Prior law (Ch.C. Art. 1243.2(A)) provided that upon the filing of a petition for intrafamily adoption, the court shall issue the same orders as required by Ch.C. Art. 1131(E); however, the records check was to be conducted by the local sheriff, and the submission of fingerprints by the prospective adoptive parents was not required.

New law changes Ch.C. Arts. 1131(E)(1) and 1243.2(A) to provide uniformity by requiring the sheriff or the office of state police, La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, to conduct the records check and by requiring the prospective adoptive parents to submit a set of fingerprints to the sheriff or the office of state police.

Prior law (Ch.C. Arts. 1131(G) and 1243.2(C)) required the sheriff and the department to accord priority to these orders and to provide a certificate indicating all information discovered or that no information had been found.

New law (Ch.C. Arts. 1131(G) and 1243.2(C)) retains prior law and also requires the office of state police, La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, to accord priority to these orders and to provide a certificate indicating all information discovered or that no information has been found.

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(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 1131(E)(1) and (G) and 1243.2(A)(1) and (C))